

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

I'm against weakening FCC regulations that protect against concentration in media.

Last winter, I confronted the effects of media monopoly in Buffalo, NY, when I tried to get a local

weather forecast on my car radio. The bottom line is that I couldn't get any. The airwaves are filled

with canned programs and canned news on the various stations controlled by Clear Channel.

So as the skies blackened, no weather information was available but 'The Stock Doctor' kept me informed

about the latest trends on Wall Street & Rush Limbaugh ranted about the latest crusades of the 'dittoheads'.

Mr. Powell talks about diversity of media, but driving around Buffalo, with no local weather available on my car radio,

what was I to do? Log on to the internet? Turn to the Weather Channel on TV?

With so many outlets available it's outrageous that no local information is available when it's needed.